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Indictment charges three in alleged cocaine conspiracy

A federal grand jury has charged **Matthew Guglielmetti, Alan Blamires, and Anthony Moscarelli** with a cocaine-trafficking conspiracy. Federal agents and police officers arrested the three men last week after they allegedly provided security for what was purportedly a shipment of 67 kilograms of cocaine.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente, Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Colonel Steven M. Pare, Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, and Colonel Dean Esserman, Chief of the Providence Police Department, jointly announced a two-count indictment, which the grand jury returned today in U.S. District Court, Providence.

Teams of FBI agents, Rhode Island State Police, and Providence Police detectives arrested the three defendants between January 18 and January 21, acting on U.S. District Court complaints. According to FBI affidavits supporting the complaints, Guglielmetti agreed to provide two people to guard a large shipment of cocaine that would be moving through Rhode Island in January. The man he was dealing with was an undercover FBI agent.

On January 18, according to the affidavits, the undercover agent gave Guglielmetti the key to a hotel room and told him to have his two associates in the room that evening. Blamires and Moscarelli allegedly arrived at hotel room at about 6:00 PM. Two undercover agents were in the room with 67 kilograms of cocaine packed in suitcases. Blamires and Moscarelli

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allegedly stayed in the room for about five hours, during which time other undercover agents removed 18 kilograms of the cocaine. They left the hotel room at about 11:00 PM, after Guglielmetti told them by telephone that their job was finished, according to the affidavits.

The indictment charges all three with two offenses: conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine, and attempting to possess with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine. Upon conviction, the statutory maximum penalty for each offense is life imprisonment and a \$4,000,000 fine, with a minimum sentence of ten years in prison. An indictment is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Guglielmetti, 56, Blamires, 49, and Moscarelli, 44, whose addresses are not reflected in court records, are detained at the Wyatt Federal Detention Center pending detention hearings that are scheduled for January 28.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Rhode Island State Police, and Providence Police investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth P. Madden is prosecuting it.

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